

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Rieping et al.

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 Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER



Group Art Unit: TBA

Examiner: TBA

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Client Ref

Appln. Title: "Fermentation Process for the Preparation of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the Family Enterobacteriaceae"

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FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim	For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)	
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C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith		

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	**minus	0	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0 103/203
3. Independent Claims	***minus	0	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0 102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)		add	+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: July 23, 2003	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =			115/215
	(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 =	+ \$0		116/216
	(3 mos)	\$930/\$465 =			117/217
	(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =			118/218
	(5 mos)	\$1,970/\$985 =			128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract		- \$0			
8.		Extension Fee	+ \$0		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee		+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0		148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), or if Rule 97(d) Request	add	+ \$180	+ \$0		126
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)		+ \$750/370	+ \$0		146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)		x \$750/375 ea	+ \$0		149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		+ \$750/375	+ \$0		1179/1279
14. Petition fee for			+ \$0		
15.		TOTAL FEE =	\$0		

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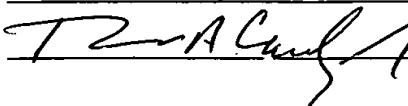
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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the examiner, dated June 23, 2003, wherein the examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-7 and 9, partially directed to a fermentation process for the production of L-amino acids which use a microorganism from the Enterobacteriaceae family wherein said organism contains a defective pckA gene;

II. Claims 8 and 9, partially directed to a fermentation process for the production of L-lysine amino acids which use a microorganism from the Enterobacteriaceae family wherein said organism contains a defective yjfA and/or ytfP gene;

III. Claims 10 and 11, directed to a microorganism from the Enterobacteriaceae family wherein said organism contains a defective pckA gene;

IV. Claims 12 and 13, directed to a microorganism from the Enterobacteriaceae family wherein said organism contains a defective yjfA and/or ytfP gene;

V. Claims 14, 17, 19, 24, 25 and 27, directed in part to a plasmid containing the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 3, a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 4, a strain comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 4, and an E. coli strain transformed with said plasmid;

VI. Claims 15, 16, 18, 20-21, 24 and 26, directed in part to plasmids containing the polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 6 or 7, a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 6, a strain comprising the polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 6 or 7, and an E. coli strain transformed with said plasmids; or

VII. Claims 22-24, directed in part to an L-threonine-producing strain from the Enterobacteriaceae family wherein said strain contains a deletion mutation corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 4, 6 or 7.

The applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-7 and 9), without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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